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Ali Soufan



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Re: "The Black Banners"

Dear Mr. Soufan,

This letter is in response to your request of May 3, 2011, for review of the above referenced manuscript for publication pursuant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Prepublication Review Policy (PRP) and Prepublication Review Manual (POL05-001-RMD).

Your submission was reviewed pursuant to the terms of the PRP and we concluded that our review of your manuscript is complete. Throughout the review process, we have sent you 8 sections of proposed changes. You have either agreed to change this information, or have assured that this information, including 3rd party names is in the public domain. As you have agreed to comply with our changes, your manuscript is approved for publication.

You may include your past FBI employment as part of your biographical data, providing that the FBI is given no more emphasis than other similar biographical information. In addition, please incorporate a disclaimer advising readers that the opinions expressed in the manuscript are yours and not those of the FBI.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact [redacted] at 540-868-1697 or via e-mail at [fbiprepub@ic.fbi.gov](mailto:fbiprepub@ic.fbi.gov). Thank you for your participation in the FBI's prepublication review process.

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Sincerely,

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